

Typing French Accents On Your Computer

On a Windows PC the accented letters may be typed in by using a combination of the ALT key and a number code. Hold the ALT key down while typing in the code. The number code must be typed using the keypad not the top row of the keyboard. The following chart shows the number code for the accented letter. Codes for capital letters have been included although these are commonly left unaccented.

TABLE 1
ACCENT CODES FOR A WINDOWS PC

à	133
À	0192
â	131
Â	0194
ä	132
Ä	142
ç	135
Ç	128
é	130
É	144
è	138
È	0200
ê	136
Ê	0202
ë	137
Ë	0203
î	140
Î	0206
ï	139
Ï	0207
ô	147
Ô	0212
ù	151

Û	0217
û	150
Ü	0219
ü	129
Ü	154

If you are using a Macintosh computer you also have access to the accented letters. With a Mac, you must use the Option key in conjunction with a two letter sequence. Hold the Option key down while typing the first letter of the sequence, then release the option key before typing the second letter. The exception to this is the cedilla (ç) which only requires holding the option key while typing the letter c. The following table lists the codes for the accented letters.

TABLE 2
ACCENT CODES FOR MACINTOSH COMPUTERS

á	= e + a
à	= ` + a
â	= i + a
ä	= u + a
ç	= c
é	= e + e
è	= ` + e
ê	= i + e
ë	= u + e
î	= i + i
ï	= u + i
ô	= i + o
œ	= q
ù	= ` + u
û	= i + u
ü	= u + u